South Dakota's Specialized Schools

SD School for the Deaf
SD School for the Blind and Visually Impaired









Vision

South Dakota School for the Deaf -- To provide the specialized educational services and resources for South Dakota children who are deaf and hard of hearing leading to their full and active participation.



Strategic Priorities: 2013 - 2016

Expand and enhance service supports to assure equitable access to consultative and direct services statewide.

Build the internal quality and staff capacity of all School for the Deaf personnel to effectively meet the specialized educational needs of students who are deaf and hard of hearing statewide.

Expand educational opportunities for parents, school personnel, and community leaders to support the needs of children who are deaf and hard of hearing

Expand opportunities for social interaction for children who are deaf and hard of hearing and their families

Expand the availability of specialized audiological testing, services, and follow-up through collaboration with healthcare providers statewide.

Build the understanding of the roles and responsibilities of the School for the Deaf as a partner with parents, schools, and communities in meeting the educational needs of children

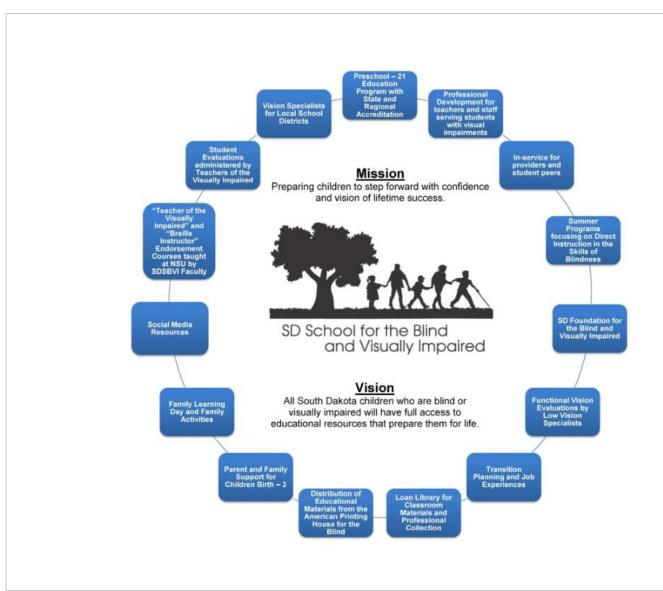












Priorities: 2013 - 2016



Mission

South Dakota School for the Blind and Visually Impaired –Preparing children to step forward with confidence and a vision of lifetime success.

Expand statewide outreach services to assure effective support for children within homes, schools and communities.

Lead in identification and application of technology for children.

Build a network of resources with high competency in vision needs assessment and accommodation.

Expand skills and expertise of SDSBVI staff to meet the changing need of children.

Assess and upgrade residential school facilities to meet the changing needs of enrolled students.

Increase statewide understanding of SDSBVI roles and responsibilities as a resource for children in need of specialized vision services.

Collaboration with institutions of higher education to assure an workforce of educators and related services professionals to meet the future needs of children with vision impairments.

Vision

South Dakota School for the Blind and Visually Impaired

All South Dakota children who are blind or visually impaired will have full access to educational resources that prepare them for life.













